

The Indiana Department of Correction Announces 2005 Commissioner's Awards Winners

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J. David Donahue Commissioner



From Left to Right: 2005 Commissioner's Awards Winner Keith Butts, Lori Harshbarger, Commissioner J. David Donahue, Dr. Cyprian Agba, Ph.D, Superintendent Ed Buss, Superintendent Al Parke

Indianapolis, (October 5, 2005) - The Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner, J. David Donahue announced the recipients of the first 2005 Commissioner's Awards, given to five employees whose leadership, dedication and excellence have significantly improved the operations, administration, and re-entry efforts of the Department. The winners were presented with the awards during the Indiana Corrections Association conference at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville, Indiana. The ceremony was

attended by 350 employees.

The five categories for the 2005 Commissioner's Awards were Who Moved My Cheese Award, Innovator of the Year, Employee of the Year, Facility of the Year and Superintendent of the Year. Employees were nominated by peers and administrators of the Department.

The award recipient for Who Moved My Cheese Award was presented to Keith Butts, Assistant to the Superintendent at the Pendleton Correctional Facility. This award recognizes an individual who has been presented with changes and possessed the ability to see the big picture, and motivating others to accept the Department's new philosophy to incorporate the three E's of Excellence in the process.

The recipient of the Innovator of the Year award was Dr. Cyprian Agba, Ph.D, Education Supervisor at the Westville Correctional Facility. This award recognizes an individual who has enhanced the facility/department process through the use of the three-E's, effectiveness, efficiency and employees.

The Employee of the Year Award was presented to Lori Harshbarger, Program Director at the Logansport Juvenile Intake/Diagnostic Facility. This award recognizes an employee in corrections who has made one of the following contributions: improved re-entry process for the offenders; promoted security measures at the facility; and added value to services.

The Facility of the Year was presented to Superintendent Al Parke at the Putnamville Correctional Facility. This award recognizes the facility which has collaborated with the public and community to aid in the re-entry process as well as demonstrated the use of the three E's, effectiveness, efficiency, and employees.

The final award was presented Superintendent of Indiana State Prison, Ed Buss, for Superintendent of the Year. This award is given to a superintendent who possess skills, knowledge, judgment and communications that have made a positive impact on offenders, staff, the agency and the community.

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About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.